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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2002. In accordance with your instructions, we enclose a copy of the Reply along with a Petition for Extension of Time as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 27, 2002. Our debit note is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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